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Someone has said that we are nearer to God's heart in a garden than anywhere else in the world. There are a number of famous gardens in the Bible. The first sanctuary that God built was a garden. It was lavish in construction and was made for the use of man. There God ordained that it would be a meeting place where He could come down and commune with the being that He created. But the greatest tragedy that ever occurred happened in the same garden when Adam and Eve disobeyed; their communion was broken with their Maker; and from that garden they went out into darkness, misery, sin, despair and death.

But the glorious message of Easter occurred in another garden where the world's greatest triumph occurred. The resurrection of Jesus took place in Joseph's garden. There Christ dispelled the darkness of defeat and brought glorious light. Before the resurrection, darkness blacker than darkest night had settled upon the followers of Christ . . . for Christ, their Lord and Savior, was dead.

Two World Wars in one generation have given a black underscoring to the fact of death. Death is everywhere . . . It is mysterious and potent, bringing fear to the individual. We may argue about death, but man never argues with death. However, to the Christian, death is not dying, but the changing of worlds . . . The passing from one room into another . . . for the gates of death have been opened by the nail-pierced hands of Jesus Christ. He has the key and He alone can dispel the darkness of death and bring radiant light . . . and we can exclaim with Paul . . . "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'

Easter sunrise dispels doubt and gives to men radiant faith

His enemies and friends agreed on one thing . . . that Jesus was dead, for they watched Him being nailed to the tree . . . they beheld the soldier that thrust the spear into His side. There they saw the Son of God dying. He who had raised Lazarus from the dead, was now dead Himself. The disciples said He was dead, and went back to their fishing. The soldiers said He was dead and they continued with their gambling. The High Priest said He was dead, and returned to the temple. The devils in hell held a carnival that day, as Jesus Christ was dead.

For three days and nights the pall of death hung over the world. But on the third morning . . . that glorious morning as the sun came up in Joseph's garden, the stone was there . . . the soldiers were there . . . the tomb was there . . . the garden was there . . . the linen clothes were there . . . but Jesus Christ was not there. And in the words of an angelic messenger - "He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lav."

Yes, Christ lives . . . He lives! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart! Death could not hold Him. The soil that was reddened by His blood could not claim His body. Hallelujah, What a Saviour!

Sunrise in the Easter garden gives to man a blessed hope

Need I say that there is no hope in the world today? Turmoil and distress is on every hand. None of us know what one day will bring forth. But we that know the living, pulsating Christ have a hope beyond this world, and that hope is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the soul's sure anchor. For has He not told us "Because I live, ye shall live also?" Therefore, a realization of these truths can bring joy and gladness to our hearts at this Easter season.

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Superintendent's Report

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Driving down one of our beautiful California freeways, I was about to pass a car when suddenly I saw a startling sign on the car's rear bumper which said, "WARNING! In case of the Rapture, this car will be driverless!" At first I felt a sense of shock and hesitated to pass. Then I realized, well, Praise the Lord, this car will be driverless too, in case of the Rapture!

As I continued to my destination, I began to ponder the awesome terror which will grip the hearts and minds of those who are left behind when the

day of the Rapture has actually come.

In pondering the great prophetic events of the Rapture and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are sobered as we read the warnings and exhortations recorded in the Word of God in relation to the end of time!

II Peter 3:10-14, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night . . . Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE in all holy conversation and godli-

ness...Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God...?...Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, BE DILIGENT that ye may be found of him in PEACE, without SPOT, and BLAMELESS."

"WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?" There have been many occasions in the course of human events when individuals have felt that their own times have been such as "try men's We, of this generation, are swept into a tremendous swell and tidal wave of bigness, power, and speed. Life has been filled with the unexpected, unbelievable and the fantastic. The European Common Market has brought together bigness and power of world economy! The Roman Catholic Church, through its Second Vatican Council, is making strides toward increased bigness and power in religion by enlarging its perimeter of influence in gathering in many non-Catholics within its borders. This trend will continue both in world economy and world religion. These developments have tremendous significance which is increasingly interesting as we note the almost simultaneous timing of their development. God's people are aware of the ONENESS of the world which is rapidly preparing the way for the MAN of POWER who shall come to sit as the head of WORLD GOVERNMENT.

"WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE" in times like these? The Bible says, "BE DILIGENT!" It is the divine purpose of God that His children should be well informed of the day, the times, and the shaping up of world destinies! But it is not His purpose that this knowledge should destroy peace of mind, giving way to anxieties, fears and frustrations. When we minister in our churches, talk with our neighbors, discuss world conditions with businessmen in our communities, we soon discover that "men's hearts are failing them for fear." It is even possible for Christian believers to give way to these mental distresses.

GOD would use us as INSTRUMENTS of PEACE. The Scripture says, "BE DILIGENT that ye may be found in PEACE." This kind of peace comes only from God when we are personally at peace with Him for the eternal welfare of our own souls,

first. But it goes farther, as we are cognizant of the millions of the lost around the world, we will not have this peace for HIS return without a FULL ASSURANCE that we, individually, and as churches, and as a movement are being used as instruments of His salvation and are faithfully and wholly carrying out HIS command to "GO" into all the world and preach the Gospel!" The destiny of men's souls rests with us!

Again I remind you, the Word of God exhorts us to "BE DILIGENT . . . without spot and blameless.!" Because of the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which has cleansed away all sin, we will have peace in our expectation of His return and the knowledge that we shall appear before Him without spot and blameless.

MANNER OF PERSONS

OUGHT WE TO BE?" The knowledge of the soon return of our Lord serves to keep us on the alert in living for Christ TODAY.

. . for there really are NO TOMOR-ROWS given us! The knowledge of the Lord's return serves to bind the hearts of believers together in love. As we have ministered in many of our Assemblies during the past months, we have been thrilled when pastor after pastor has said to us, "Brother Gerhart, we have never ministered anywhere where the people have loved us more or treated us better, or where there has been more harmony in the church." Praise God for this testimony from pastors in this District! "By this," Jesus said, "shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." Love is the very essence of an effective witness for God in the home, in the church and in the community. We are exhorted in the Scriptures to be a "peculiar" people. I believe that the chief peculiarity which we should manifest is that we are completely motivated by love—love for God, love for each other, and love for the lost!

As a natural fruit of this kind of love, we are experiencing a renewed prayer emphasis in many of our Assemblies throughout the District. Many pastors have reported that more prayer is being made by more people who are earnestly seeking God in their homes and in the churches than in past days.

Out of this burden of prayer for the work of God and for the souls of the lost has



followed the fires of REVIVAL and a great MOVE of the Holy Ghost! God is saving the lost in our churches! Strangers are calling the pastors and knocking on the door of the study in an effort to find help and counsel and peace. To illustrate the move of God in this direction let me relate that on a single Sunday, just about two weeks ago, reports came to us from various churches saying, "Brother Gerhart, we had eleven at the altar for salvation," another, "There were seven saved in our church on Sunday night," and another "we had three unsaved seeking the Lord for salvation on Sunday!" "Brother Gerhart, our church is being crowded out, God is moving in our midst!"

Brothers and Sisters, this is "BEING DILIGENT" and "hasting the day of Christ's return!" I have a growing and intense conviction that the primary aim and purpose of each of us and of our churches is:

NOT just to preach and talk about Communism, NOT just to preach and discuss the awful and distressing conditions of the world, NOT just to preach against the growing strength of the Roman Catholic Church. God knows, and we all know that we must be aware of all of these things . . . we must keep informed and in touch with world affairs; yes, we must inform our people of these things. However, OUR BUSINESS, OUR CHIEF BUSINESS is to preach the positive Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way whereby men may be saved, kept in peace and ready for the coming of national and even world disaster, but most of all for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ONLY the GOSPEL can save! ONLY the GOSPEL can bring peace! ONLY the GOSPEL can meet the human need of an individual heart with all of its burdens and sorrows! ONLY the GOSPEL can assure us of brighter days ahead and of ETERNAL LIFE! The GOSPEL is GOOD NEWS to all who will accept it!

"WHAT MANNER OF MEN OUGHT WE TO BE?" DILIGENT! Diligent in knowing God ourselves in depth and truth and growing spiritual maturity. Diligent in building and establishing faith and con-

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District Council-Days of

As reported by MELVIN JOHNSON

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"One of the greatest blessings of this Council is that it will have reviving effect upon my church," commented on of the pastors at the Northern California-Nevada Assemblies of God District Council convention held at the beautiful new Bethel Church in San Jose February 26 to March 1.

"These meetings can often be just business, but this year we experienced a move of the Holy Spirit that I know will continue into the churches of the District. Unity was no doubt the most pronounced manifestation of the Spirit," he concluded.

As the annual session was dismissed this same idea echoed among the 428 registered ministers and delegates.

Monday morning, Feb. 25, there was the stirring of last minute preparation for Council about Bethel Church. Decorations to be hung, boxes of reports in place, tables and typewriters for registering, newspapers to be contacted, all contributing to the general air of expectancy.

At the same time the District Presbytery, one representative from each of the District's 18 sections, four executive presbyters and the three resident officials, began their long hours of business that continued through the convention during "free time", usually late into the evening.

C. A. Rally

That same evening under the motto, "Behold, He Cometh," which was emblazed in gold lettering across the front of the sanctuary the Christ's Ambasssadors conducted their preconvention youth rally. In the absence of President Steve Asmuth who was attending D-Cap's conference in Springfield, Vice President Elmer Bueno was in charge. Convention speaker Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, brought a fervent message calling for complete dedication of all C.A.'s.

Women's Day

The next morning saw the women from the far reaches of the District getting prepared for a full day at the County Fairground's Pavilion. In the morning session President Goldia Anderson introduced Mildred Smuland as the devotional speaker.

\$6,460.44 in pennies went on parade on 13 floats in the afternoon during the annual Penny Parade. Some 2,500 people watched as the judges awarded first place to the entree from Contra Costa section where Mrs. R. M. Catlett is director. Second and third place honors went to Peninsula and East Bay sections, respectively. Additional recognition was made of Bethel Temple in Hayward as the church giving the most pennies, \$268.16 and East Bay section as the section giving the most pennies, \$1,202.86 Margaret Pearson spoke at the conclusion of the parade.

Bethel Church Dedicated

Rev. Leland R. Keys and the congregation of Bethel Church were joined by the Council on Tuesday evening for the dedication of their new edifice. Rev. Keys read the responsive act of dedication. The prayer of dedication offered by Rev. Gerhart. The sacred service was concluded with Rev. Zimmerman's sermon.

At the close of the Memorial Communion service on Wednesday morning where Robert Pirtle, Executive Presbyter, brought a message of inspiration after the Council had been served communion by the Presbyters, the first business session was called to order by Joseph L. Gerhart, Superintendent. Reports were given and various distinguished guests recognized. A portion of the afternoon session was used for the annual Bethany Bible College Corporation meeting.

Spiritual Highlight

Rev. Zimmerman spoke again in the evening rally under a special anointing. "Each of us find ourselves as either a part of a problem which we face or a good part of the answer to that problem," he stated in reference to the spiritual level in the Assemblies of God today. At the conclusion of his sermon several messages in tongues with interpretations were given in which an increased reliance in the empowering of the Holy Spirit was emphasized. A spirit of praise swept across the congrega-

Blessing Business

tion and the more than 1200 persons present just waited and worshipped as the Spirit led them. Later, Superintendent Gerhart commented, "This visitation of the Holy Spirit has set a trend for the entire District Council. I feel it is the result of the faithful prayer of those who besought God to bless our convention this year."

Officers Re-Elected

The next morning at the business session the same spirit of blessing and unity prevailed as all three of the District officers were returned to their positions on the nominating ballots.

Executive Presbyter Robert Pirtle was also re-elected on the nominating ballot. Before the expired term of Executive Presbyter T. Kermit Jeffrey was voted on he addressed the session requesting that his name not be considered. Respecting his wishes the Council elected E. R. Scratch of Redwood City, to fill that vacancy.

Another item for consideration in the afternoon session was the filling of the vacant vice president's office in the Men's Fellowship Department. Harold Gilmer who had been serving as secretary-treasurer was elected, and Richard Black was chosen to the secretary-treasurer's office.

Ordination

Sixteen candidates for ordination were received into fellowship during the Thursday evening service as the Presbyters laid hands on and prayed over each of them. Because all business had been finished by the close of the afternoon session it was decided to make the evening rally the closing meeting of the convention. No sessions were held Friday.

The final message by Bro. Zimmerman sent the ministers and delegates homeward feeling that the convention theme, "The Second Coming of Christ," was more than just a theme. Indeed, as he charged the candidates for ordination it stirred a fresh determination in the hearts of all to work while there is yet day, for the night cometh when no man shall work.

WMC Commissary Building Transferred to District

With so many home and foreign missionaries the needs became so great that it was imperative that we have an adequate storehouse to receive clothing, linens and household provisions and have these items displayed in such a manner that the missionaries could draw their necessities and pack for their field of ministry. Articles given are identified by the local group so that the recipient knows who made or gave it and can thank them.

The Commissary began in Sister Anderson's garage but soon was realized that was very impractical. In March 1960 permission was granted by the presbytery to rent a portion of the farm house near the District office building for a Commissary until the WMC ladies could arrange financing for the construction of a much needed building which would be properly ventilated (to prevent molding etc.) and so arranged that the missionaries could easily choose their needs.

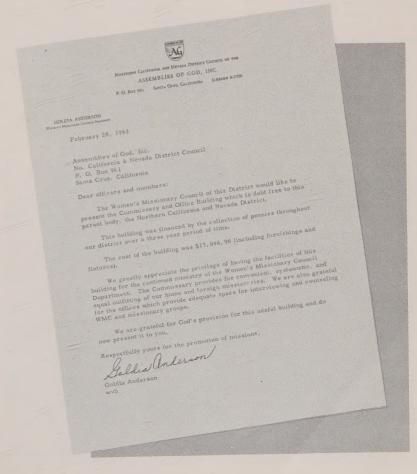
October 4, 1961, the presbyters accepted the plans drawn by architect

Joseph Colombo for the new WMC building and approved the contract with Harold Carmichael, a member of Calvary Temple in San Jose. Then the presbyters recessed and gathered on the site for the ground breaking ceremony.

The ladies of our churches responded to the opportunity to have part in supplying the needed building and saved pennies for this purpose. The building was dedicated April 15, 1962, and with the Penny Collection of the 1963 WMC Day the building was made debt free after only three years of penny saving.

All of the lamps, tables, wall decoration and President's desk were donated. The other furnishings were purchased at cost.

February 28, 1963, Mrs. Goldia Anderson, District WMC President, in behalf of the WMC Advisory Committee and all the ladies of our churches read the following letter transferring the new and vital asset from the WMC books to the books of the General Fund of the District Council.



Church

News



LAYTONVILLE-

Pastor C. L. Myers reports good progress with several saved and filled with the Holy Spirit during 1962. The congregation has been blessed by new additions with ten infants having been dedicated during the past year. Another victory has been the paying off of all debts and operating at present with a financial gain.

ESCALON-

Pastor Mel Steward is now ministering in the Philippine Islands. During his absence, Evangelist and Mrs. F. A. Sturgeon are conducting the services. The Sturgeons expect to return to Germany for further evangelistic work in the near future.

CAMPBELL-

Reports their world missions offerings were up in 1962 about one third over 1961. Rev. Herbert Johnson is the pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE-

Pastor Dennis Davis reports a week of outstanding meetings with Bernhard and Doris Johnson.

YERINGTON, NEVADA-

Rev. and Mrs. Luther A. Cayton, pastors of the Bethel Indian Church, wish to thank the Pastors, Churches and W.M.C. groups of the Capitol Section who had a part in purchasing the floor covering and the beautiful rug for the Church. Brother George Effman and Missionary Ira Van Houten volunteered their services in laying the floor covering.

MARYSVILLE-

Linda Assembly was the host church for the Butte Section W.M.C. Rally on February 21. Mrs. Joseph L. Gerhart was the guest speaker for the 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. services. Sectional WMC Director, Mrs. James Adkins was in charge of the activities of the day. James L. Davidson is Pastor of the Linda Assembly.

MONTEREY-

The oldest Protestant church building in Monterey was recently purchased for the Assembly of God and was formally dedicated on February 18 during the Coast Counties Section Fellowship Meeting. Presbyter Ray Oliver was the afternoon speaker and Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart brought

the evening message and officially dedicated the building. Rev. R. A. Wilson brought greetings to the Monterey Assembly. The Pastor is Rev. Wayne Fagerstrom.

DUNSMUIR-

The month of May, 1963 has been designated as Homecoming month at the Dunsmuir Assembly of God. The church is one of the oldest in the District. Construction on part of the present church structure was begun in 1918 when M.T. Draper was pastor. With this in mind, the church and pastor are designating May as Homecoming Month.

On Wednesday evening, May 29, Rev. R. E. Cull will speak and show slides of his recent trip to the Holy Land. It was under Brother Cull's leadership as pastor in Dunsmuir that the parsonage was constructed in 1947.

On May 30, the Homecoming Month will be climaxed by a Shasta Section Fellowship Meeting. Since this is a Memorial Day holiday, it is hoped many will be able to attend these services. Rev. Martin Engebret-

COMING...

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS ANSWERED

A new monthly feature entitled, "Administratively Speaking" will answer many questions for our readers regarding Church Administration. Look for this in the May issue of G. T. Magazine. Address all questions to Joseph L. Gerhart, P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif. Questions will be answered in GLAD TIDINGS as space allows, otherwise they will be answered by mail.

WATCH FOR a list of Assemblies of God Radio and TV programs being released in this District. All pastors who wish their programs listed please give name of program, church, radio station, call letters and location on dial, day of week and time. Programs will be listed by request of pastor only.

sen, pastor of the Weott Assembly and pastor in Dunsmuir from 1958 to 1961 will be the evening speaker.

Other former pastors that are expected to attend are C. C. Catledge (1934-1938), R. J. Renfroe (1938-1942), and John Franklin (1953-1954). C. C. Catledge, pastor at Alturas is presbyter of the Shasta Section. Brother Renfroe is a well known missionary and minister of this district. Brother Franklin has recently returned from Guatemala to promote the Spanish Literature division for the Foreign Missions Department. All former members and pastors are invited to attend these special services.

SAN FRANCISCO-

Reverend and Mrs. Robert Craig pioneered the work, formerly known as Glad Tidings Tabernacle, in 1913. From humble beginnings there evolved from within the Church a Bible Institute of world renown known as Glad Tidings Bible Institute. The school moved from this location on 1441 Ellis Street in San Francisco to Scott's Valley near Santa Cruz in 1950.

During and after World War II the area quickly deteriorated into a slum section, but the membership felt that the city's promise of re-development would be worth waiting for, as the Church location is in the heart of San Franciso. It is almost unbelievable now to see the new apartments arising within a stone's throw of the Temple and the old Fillmore District will soon be one of the most modern shopping centers in San Francisco.

Though attendance suffered when the school was moved, as it provided most of the two hundred-voice choir, and because of the ethnic groups that began to move in, the major part of the community in the last three years has changed, and missionary giving has doubled.

The Temple is planning a modernization program that will blend this historic church into a contemporary scene. All of the friends and former members are invited to attend this historic occasion to be celebrated on May 22-26, 1963.

The 30th General Council of the Assemblies of God will be held in **ELLIS AUDITORIUM** Memphis, Tennessee **AUGUST 21-27** Make your plans now!

MISSIONARY SONDENO SAVES SITUATION

While visiting the Iwakura church in Kyoto the Lord began to impress upon Brother Sondeno's heart the vision he had given Missionary Ruth Floyd some 10 years ago. She had to return home not able to see her vision fulfilled and for 7 years the Lord's house in Iwakura had needed someone to repair it and finish the project which had been started.

The church and parsonage are built on a large piece of valuable land in a scenic and fast-developing suburb of Kyoto. The city was to grant them this piece of property for a token payment if they would also build an educational unit on the land. For 7 years the city had been patiently waiting and they had decided to retract their offer this year and erect a shrine on the land adjacent to the church!

"We felt something had to be done, so we moved ahead in faith with "so we moved ahead in faith with the Lord. We began construction of the Iwakura Christian Day School which will be completed by the end of March, and a new Assembly of God Christian Day School will be ready to begin classes the first of April. Many in the neighborhood have already asked if they could enroll their children in our school. This will be a great witness for Christ in Kyoto.

"Through all these years from her sickbed in the States, Sister Floyd has sent money to the field for Iwakura. These funds and a few generous gifts from some of our friends have enabled us to pay all the bills so far. It is marvelous how the Lord has provided. The only thing which is lacking in the final payment of \$3,500, which must be paid by March 31. Do pray with us that this need shall be met

"Also pray for the extensive evangelism we are now planning for this spring and summer on the Iwakura grounds and throughout the city. Kyoto, the cultural center of Japan with 2 million people, needs revival. We know God is going to save many in the heathen city. Stand with us in prayer — your One-Minute-A-Day-Prayers are being felt. Together we will realize the completion of the Iwakura project with many souls added to the Kingdom of God.

"Friends, Ruth Floyd is literally in a 'living death'. She needs your prayers. She gave and sacrificed all she had to start this work. Will you help up finish it for the glory of God?"

FOREIGN MISSIONS ITEMS



SAMOA-

Missionary Maurice H. Luce reports a recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson in Pago Pago. Several were filled with the Spirit and twent-three were baptized in water.

CUBA-

The recent Cuba crisis has brought no interruption to missionary work by any of the three Assemblies of God missionaries still on the island. The denomination's churches have reportedly more than doubled in Cuba since 1960 and the Castro regime. There are 83 churches primarily under national supervision compared to 40 in 1960.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA-

John R. Cheyne, missionary to Southern Rhodesia: "We will have to give more, reach farther, move faster, and depend more fully on God's Holy Spirit. We will have to be courageous as those stepping over the precipice of space and as imaginative as those flashing the beams of television off a silent satellite across the expanse of our globe. While eyes are seeing and ears are hearing the latest news the moment it happens, they haven't yet seen Christ projected or heard the age-old message of Christ's love preached."

DAKAR, SENEGAL-

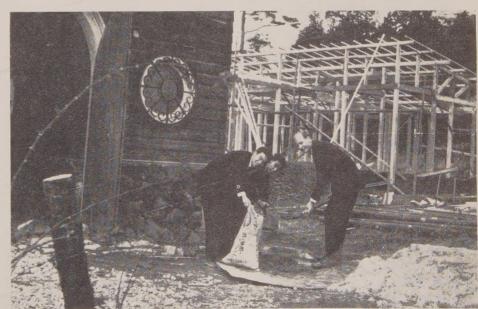
A two-acre tract of land in downtown Dakar, Senegal, has been granted the Assemblies of God for church buildings. Included on the compound of the West African city will be a small auditorium and an educational unit. Later a larger church will be constructed. Prior to this advent of missionaries, the city of 255,000 people had only one small Protestant chapel.

RALPH and JEWYL WILLIAMS-

Although a great deal of their ministry is in the metropolitan area of New York, a part of their field is the island of Puerto Rico. Recently they held a three-day conference there with the pastors and workers whom they found to be very fervent and consecrated men. They were able to draw up a plan to unify and strengthen the field which would also give these men added responsibility in vigilance and in financial support of the work.

"There is one phase of the work, however, in which we must give them some financial aid," writes Brother Williams, "and that is the Bible Institute. This is the biggest single unit of ministry in Puerto Rico and, without doubt, the most impor(Please turn to page 13)

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY - PASTOR AND PRESBYTER WITH BROTHER SONDENO



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A PICTURE STORY OF WMC



OVER 2,000 ATTENDING WMC PENNY PARADE. BIG PENNY WORN BY REV. AL MORRISSON LEADS THE 14-FLOAT PARADE.



MARGARET PEARSON, EVANGELIST FROM BAKERSFIELD, BRINGS INSPIRATIONAL MES-SAGE FOLLOWING THE PENNY PARADE.



CHARLES TURNER, SOLOIST FROM BIBLE STATION KBIF, FRESNO.



GOLDIA ANDERSON PRESENTS THE FIRST PLACE TROPHY TO MRS. R. M. CATLETT, DIRECTOR OF THE CONTRA COSTA SECTION. WITH THEIR LOVELY FLOAT WAS GIVEN \$6.37 PER WMC MEMBER IN THEIR SECTION, WHICH GAVE THEM MANY POINTS IN WINNING FIRST PLACE PRIZE.



MILDRED SMULAND, NATIONAL WMC SECRETARY FROM SPRINGFIELD, SPEAKS AT THE MORNING SESSION.



WILLA VAE BOWLES FEATURES BETH ANN JOHNSON AS THE JUNIOR MISSIONETTE WHO HAS SWIFTLY CLIMBED THE "STAIRWAY TO THE STARS."

Many lives were enriched as the attended this full day program depicting the theme "Lovest Thou Me More Than These?" The stage background was a large red heart from which protruded a large hand a Christ. Lighting effects projected the pierced hand of our Lord which was a background for many objects the people often let come first place their lives. As the lighting moved from these objects to the Hand of Christ and then to the large pictures of notives from around the world to the right and to the left of the stage, the audience was moved to anointed prayers of reconsecrations.

The afternoon session began with the annual PENNY PARADE and total of \$6,693.56 was collected from the 18 sections in the District. The Penny Collection will pay off the new MC building in Santa Cruz. The were 14 sections who entered flow in the PENNY PARADE.

- 1. BUTTE SECTION—\$246.43 MRS. JAMES ADKINS, DIRECTOR.
- 2. COAST COUNTIES SECTION—\$218.45 MRS. RUBEN DAVIS, DIRECTOR.
- 3. NORTH NEVADA SECTION--\$62.03--ROSEMARY BERLIN, DIRECTOR.
- REDWOOD SECTION—\$329.69—MRS. JOSEPH MURRAY, DIRECTOR.
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- 10. —NORTH BAY SECTION \$225.68 MRS. JAMES WALTON, DIRECTOR.
- NORTH SAN JOAQUIN SECTION—\$317.11— MRS. JULIUS GILBERT, DIRECTOR.
- PENINSULA SECTION—\$1,060.50—MRS. E. R. GOMES, DIRECTOR.
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- 14. SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN SECTION—\$390.16—MRS. R. S. ROBERTSON, DIRECTOR.



AY AT DISTRICT COUNCIL



RICHMOND CENTRAL ASSEMBLY PLACES FIRST IN DISTRICT SPEED-THE-LIGHT GIVING REPORTED BY EDDIE KRAMER

Speed-the-Light giving has taken on new meaning to the Christ's Ambassadors of Central Assembly, in Richmond, California. To them, up until three years ago, the Speed-the-Light Rally was just a money-raising service which they would sooner miss than attend. Speed-the-Light giving was for other Christ's Ambassadors groups who could afford to give. Because they had never caught the vision of the importance of Speed-the-Light, they were satisfied to give as long as it wasn't a sacrifice.

However, something happened in our group about three years ago. Each member began to see that in their Speed-the-Light giving they were joining hands with Missionaries around the world, helping them to more effectively spread the gospel. Once they caught this vision they no longer gave just to be giving, but they began to give with a purpose and with sacrifice.

Let me give an example of what can be done when Christ's Ambassadors have a vision. In 1959 our group along with the help of the adults gave \$185.60 to Speed-the-Light. In our C.A. Officer's meeting, prior to the 1960 Speed-the-Light Rally in our section. we discussed the amount our group should pledge at the Rally. When we suggested a minimum fo \$200.00 there was a gasp. They felt they wouldn't be able to pay a pledge of that amount. However, after some discussion it was agreed that this was the amount our group would pledge. After the Speedthe-Light Rally we planned a special Missionary service is our regular C.A. service for the purpose of raising our pledge. The Holy Spirit moved upon the hearts of those present and at the

conclusion of the service we raised \$500.00 in pledges in approximately five minutes. There was a time of rejoicing and praising the Lord when our Christ's Ambassadors saw what God could do.

There was another gasp in our C.A. Officers meeting before the 1961 Speed-the-Light Rally when we suggested that our group pledge \$500. at our Sectional Rally. Some of the officers felt that 1960 was an unusual year and we wouldn't be able to give that amount again. However, we decided to pledge \$500.00 After the Rally we again had our Missionary service to raise our pledge. By now our group saw what a tremendous blessing giving to help spread the gospel could be, and in a few minutes we raised \$1000.00 in pledges. By the Lord's help we were able to give \$1005.00 to Speed-the-Light in 1961.

This last year we felt we would have to be satisfied to reach our all time high of the previous year. However, our officers had great faith and pledged \$1400.00 at our Speedthe-Light Rally. God honored their faith and helped us to give \$1957.32 in 1962. This amount represents sacrifice on the part of many of our Christ's Ambassadors, but this sacrifice will reap eternal reward. Because our group has caught a vision of the need and has experienced the blessing of giving to help win the lost to Christ, we have been able to double our giving each year for the last three years. From \$185.60 in 1959 to \$1957.32 in 1962.

This is what God has enabled us to and we praise Him for the opportunity of being a small part in spreading the gospel around the world.



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Total Giving-1962

| 1. | Richmond, Central Ass'y. \$1 | .,957.32 |
|-----|------------------------------|----------|
| 2. | Sacramento, Bethel Ass'y. 1 | ,428.98 |
| 3. | Redwood City, Ass'y. | 994.52 |
| 4. | Sunnyvale, First Ass'y. | 772.10 |
| 5. | Santa Cruz, First Ass'y. | 710.06 |
| 6. | Santa Clara, First Ass'y. | 687.00 |
| 7. | Milpitas, Ass'y. | 620.00 |
| 8. | Modesto, Central Ass'y. | 591.55 |
| 9. | Redding, Bethel Ass'y. | 589.00 |
| 10. | Marysville, Bethel | 529.61 |
| 11. | Riverband, Assembly | 474.00 |
| 12. | Newark, Assembly | 466.55 |
| 13. | San Jose, First Ass'y. | 430.73 |
| 14. | Concord, Assembly | 422.38 |
| 15. | Boyes Springs, Ass'y. | 413.59 |
| 16. | Turlock, Bethel Ass'y. | 406.73 |
| 17. | Bethany Bible College | 360.00 |
| 18. | Olivehurst, First Ass'y. | 343.75 |
| 19. | Campbell, Assembly | 336.60 |
| | Chico, First Ass'y. | 336.35 |
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LOOKING AT LOYALTY

This month Sunday Schools throughout our district and the nation will launch the 14th annual Sunday School Campaign. The seven-week emphasis begins April 21 and con-tinues through Pentecost Sunday, June 2.

Proverbs 28:20 says, "A faithful man shall abound with blessings." Certainly this has been proved througout the years the Loyalty Campaign has been observed. Back in 1950 it was felt that seven weeks of strong emphasis on loyalty to the Sunday School and church-during the 50 days following Easter-would help encourage faithful attendance on through the summer months. Since that time hundreds of pastors have expressed their appreciation for the special assistance. (One Assemblies church was built on the basis of the annual Loyalty Campaign.)

The new helps prepared for this year's campaign should prove most effective. A colorful sun display with individual rays for each person will record the faithfulness of Sunday School members. When one is absent, a dark flap is turned down over his ray, for his absence has dimmed the performance of the whole. Planned on the order of the Grow Campaign held by many last fall, this campaign gives opportunity to stress the importance of Seven Golden Sundays as Seven Golden Opportunities to be loyal to the Lord. Such emphasis will spotlight that which is to be the norm of Christian living



SHARE IN THE MINUTEMAN PROGRAM

| de la | APPROX. MEMBERSHIP | SECTIONS SHARE | PLEDGED | CASH PAID FEB. '62-FEB. '63 |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Butte | \$ 577 | \$2,000 | \$ 210 | \$ 335.00 |
| Capitol | 1,996 | 6,800 | 4,861 | 2,282.65 |
| Central San Joaquin | | 5,200 | 580 | 781.35 |
| Coast Counties | | 3,600 | 2,500 | 4,378.01 |
| Contra Costa | . 409 | 1,400 | 445 | 248.65 |
| East Bay | . 1,499 | 5,100 | 2,002 | 1,607.00 |
| Lake Berryessa | . 496 | 1,700 | 515 | 225.00 |
| Lake-Mendocino | | 1,000 | 235 | 76.00 |
| Lassen-Plumas | . 187 | 700 | 100 | 20.00 |
| North Bay | . 401 | 1,400 | 412 | 419.00 |
| Northern Nevada | 125 | 400 | -0- | 5.00 |
| North San Joaquin | . 976 | 3,400 | 236 | 77.00 |
| Peninsula | | 9,000 | 3,737 | 2,419.60 |
| Redwood | . 592 | 2,000 | 542 | 170.75 |
| Sacramento Valley | 621 | 2,100 | 110 | 65.00 |
| Shasta | 204 | 700 | 100 | 9.00 |
| Sierra Nevada | . 258 | 900 | 574 | 399.83 |
| South San Joaquin | . 780 | 2,700 | 337 | 57.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | <u></u> | 348.59 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$13,924.43 |

Minuteman Pastors Report Progress

"I understand now why this is called the Minuteman program" were the opening remarks of Paul Radley, pastor of Bethel Assembly of God, Fremont, California as he was invited to give a "one minute" report of the progress his church had made as a result of being assisted with the revolving funds in the construction of their church building. He was followed by the pastors of seven other churches which had also received help for their buildings. Their reports were so encouraging as they told of growth in attendance, giving to foreign and home missions, and of young people who had entered the ministry as a result of their churches, that it became very evident that MINUTEMAN is a worthwhile project.

The next church to be built with Minuteman funds is the Cambrian

Park Assembly of God in San Jose. Property has already been purchased 11 and construction is expected to start on the sanctuary in the early Spring. This is a growing area of the city and the small nucleus of people with which they started has already outgrown the present facilities.

PLAQUE AWARDED FOR HOME MISSIONS GIVING

The Neighborhood Assembly of God of Modesto was the first church to have the honor of receiving a District plaque for highest giving to Home Missions in the Northern California & Nevada District. Other churches which make up the list of the ten highest according to their giving are Redwood City; Roseville; Lodi; Oakland, First; Richmond, Central; Soquel; Hayward, Bethel; Richmond, Full Gospel and Sacramento, Bethel.

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District Second in Missions Giving

A total World Missions Giving figure of \$681,184,76 has again given this District second place in the nation. The Redwood City Assembly of God placed first in the District and was presented with the plaque for highest giving. The other churches placing in the first ten according to their giving are Sacramento, Bethel; Lodi; Oakland, First; San Jose, Calvary; Sunnyvale; Hayward, Bethel; Vallejo, First and Richmond, Full Gospel.

WHAT IS R. F. F. M.?

This was the question that was asked in bold red letters on a conspicuous banner, and was repeated at various times during the Foreign Missions program on Wednesday night at the District Council. Interest was keen when James Swanson stepped forward and read the following poem composed by Mrs. E. R. Scratch

which gave the clue.

Life now is busy, and time moves

To spell out whole words is a thing of the past.

Think of utilities — it's P G & E; T W A, a flight over the sea.

When you watch Huntley-Brinkley, it's N B C

L E F is money for Bethany.

The Penny Parade is something to see.

And for the money it raises, thank the W M C.

A church borrows money on the C E P plan;

This is a life-saver for many a man. Thinking of college! — Talk to Dr. Burnett

B B C offers more than any school yet.

Even the ministers' children these days

Are known to all as "those ornery P K's."

Initials, initials! There seems no end.

Now here comes a new one, your ear to bend.

R F F M — Oh, what could it be? Look up! — Here it is!! All now may see.

Paul Wright, missionary from Africa, and James Baker, missionary from Formosa unrolled a large banner behind Brother Swanson as he read and as he came to the final words they raised the banner so all could see the answer to the question - "RE-TURN FARE FOR MISSIONAR-IES." A feeling of acceptance seemed to sweep across the congregation as they caught the vision of what our District is endeavoring to do to assist our missionaries. In the past the only method used to raise this money has been the pledging of money on missionary day at the camps. The Foreign Missions Board is recommending the RFFM funds be raised in the following three ways:

1. Give a portion from your local missionary convention.

2. Take up an offering for this purpose.

3. If you have funds on hand, give a portion toward this need.

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tant. God calls the national beliver to the ministry and the young man, often at considerable sacrifice, responds to the call, but WE must help him receive the proper training in the Word in order for him to have a fruitful ministry. These young ministers are the ones who seek out the first converts, gather them together as the nucleus of a new church, then hold the group together while the believer grows in Christian graces and ministry. Can we not see the vital place of the national worker in God's plan for His work?

"Not all who answer the call have the funds with which to attend Bible Institute and there are those who should receive our help. We have twenty-one students in our Bible Institute in Bayamon this year, but we must prepare a far greater number of workers if we are to meet the challenge that fast developing country brings to us... We cannot fill the posts with missionaries, nor would that be desirable, but we can help prepare the national workers and they will reach their own people.

"The Institute in Puerto Rico is handicapped by a lack of funds. Brother Nieves, the Director-a man with a family of eight children-is making a valiant effort to keep it going, and God is helping wonderfully, but he could do a better job and accept a larger number of students with our financial help. Twenty dollars a month will cover the expenses of a future pastor evangelist while in Bible School-and who can tell how many souls he may win to the Lord? Or how many may be lost if he cannot fulfill his ministry? If YOU can help us in this need please send your offering-or pledge-to the Foreign Missions Department, designated "Puerto Rican Bible Institute," in care of Ralph D. Williams.

"And may we again thank you for your monthly pledge for our personal support — your steadfast backing is deeply appreciated, and we pray God to doubly bless you for the help you give—not only to us, but to missionary work and workers in general."

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Superintendent's Report (Continued from page 3)

fidence in the Word of God in the members of our households. Diligent in the work of the church through every avenue of ministry which is ours . . . to the children, the youth, the aged, the unfortunate and the stranger. Diligent in the witness that the Word of God is sure, that Christ is real and that Jesus is coming soon! Diligent in keeping the unity of the faith and the bonds of peace among believers. Diligent in keeping the banners of holiness and standards of righteousness ever unfurled before us.

A well-known Missionary Society recently stated in its publication that the great tradgedy of missions is that many denominations have become more interested in organziation than in EVANGELISM. God forbid that this should ever be true of any of us, our churches or our movement! NEVER let us become more engrossed and more concerned with building our church edifices and our church organizations than we are in EVANGELIZING THE WORLD!

There is strength in unity. We need each other . . . we must refuse to tolerate the subtle attacks of satan which would bring division and strife into our ranks. We have a gigantic foe; we have a super-human battle to fight; we cannot, we dare not use our time, our energies, our relationships, our positions as leaders, to become a party to that which is *small* and *carnal* and *un-Christlike*.

This is my challenge to the Northern California and Nevada District Council for the year of 1963 if Jesus tarries! BE DILIGENT! As you receive the annual reports of the District ministries during this Convention, I believe you will note that the men and women of our entire constituency are BEING DILIGENT! When we mention various departments and their accomplishments for the year of 1962, we are humbly and gratefully aware of the fact that all that has been done for CHRIST in these fields of endeavor, has been made possible by the diligence, sacrifice and cooperation of the men and women, young people, and boys and girls of our Assemblies who have followed the leadership of our faithful ministers and pastors who have in turn cooperated loyally and whole-heartedly with District and General Council leadership. PRAISE GOD for faithful ministers and pastors in fellowship. PRAISE GOD for Holy-Ghost anointed leadership in the Departments of our District ministries and throughout the entire General Council.

Even as many of you Pastors have reported to me the love and unity within the framework of the local Assembly, I too want to report to you that we of the District Office family have this same relationship of love and unity, cooperation and loyalty which we enjoy with our entire Staff. Each one bears the burden of the other. Each one rejoices in the successes and victories of the other.

So the Kingdom of God is advanced through the dedication, consecration, devotion and sacrifice of all who have DILIGENTLY joined hearts and hands in the

fellowship of the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD in this District and around the world!

In the field of Foreign Missions, our District has again taken second place in the nation. (We wish to commend our good neighbor to the South—the Southern California District for taking first place again this year.) Our Foreign Missions Funds amount to about one-half million dollars again this year all of which was raised in the churches of the District representing many personal sacrifices. Our Speed-the-Light efforts, the missionary arm of our Christ's Ambassadors Department have produced about \$38,000.00, which brings us into second place in the Nation, second again to Southern California. Our Light-for-the-Lost, the missionary program of our Men's Fellowship has made a tremendous gain this year with a total of approximately \$2,500.00.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade of our Sunday Schools is among the top three in the Nation and moving steadily toward first place. The efforts of our good ladies of the Women's Missionary Council have again given them first place in the Nation with approximately double that of the District which holds second place. They raised nearly one quarter of a million dollars this year in money and materials for the support of our 83 foreign missionary personnel who are dependent upon this District. (Incidentally, I have written to our missionaries asking each one to send a one-minute taped greeting to this Convention. Unfortunately, many could not do this for want of proper equipment but several did and you will hear their voices direct from their fields of labor tomorrow morning during the Foreign Missions devotional. Be sure you are here at 9:30 to enjoy this special treat.)

Each department has manifested a growing concern and burden for Foreign Missions. Many of you have denied yourselves many things in order to make it possible for others to know Christ and love Him. This, I believe, is an excellent indication that you are "BEING DILIGENT" in preparation for the coming of our Lord!

In Home Missions, we are making good progress. District income for expansion work and support of our Home Missions churches reached an all-time high. Since our golden State of California is the center of a tremendous population increase, it is imperative that we do all we can to continue to provide a witness in every community! Home Missions, like Foreign Missions, is everybody's business.

The ladies of the Women's Missionary Council are saving pennies this year to assist with the furnishing of two new Home Missions churches. A portion of our District Speed-the-Light funds will be returned to us from our National Office for use in Home Missions projects. Our Christian Education Department provides house-to-house canvas teams to assist pioneer churches in reaching their communities. Many other individuals and churches in the District are assisting with the manual labor required to get a Home Missions church established. With continued cooperation like

this, we will see continued progress in our entire Home Missions program.

It is our desire that the cost of all of these new churches be held to a minimum. We want them to be neat and attractive, comfortable and adequate but we dare not spend one dime more than necessary in accomplishing this goal. May God help us to resist the trend toward materialism and to keep in focus the fact that our ministries are the things of prime importance-our buildings are but tools-or a means to an end. Materialism is a curse to the Church of Jesus Christ-a trick-a device of satan to burden us with a mill-stone of indebtedness so that we have nothing left for our world-wide ministries. Avoid this trend as you avoid sin.

Now I have mentioned our District Departments in relation to our WORLD MISSIONS ministries. I would also like to bring to your attention the fact that the development and expansion of these mission activities could not exist if you did not make it possible for these various departments to perform effectively. On behalf of our Department Heads, Stephen Asmuth, Goldia Anderson, Norman Hahn, David Colbert and R. A. Wilson, I want to thank each of you for your faithful support.

In mentioning your support of the Department leadership, I must also express my personal, sincere and heartfelt appreciation to you for your support of the General Administration Fund and activities of the District. Your confidence in us has been gratifying. This has been manifested by your many kind and understanding words, your prayers in our behalf and your liberal and faithful financial support. Because of this, we have finished our year with a "no-deficit" status and more than that we have been able to reduce the accummulated deficits of years gone by. Praise God!

Brother Wilson and Brother Edgar have continued to strengthen my hands in the fulfillment of my duties as your Superintendent. I appreciate them and enjoy working with them in the close relationship of our daily labors. The burdens of your Superintendent have been lifted by the able leadership and ability of the men of our District Exceutive Presbytery who have met each month with your District Officers in the discharge of assigned tasks. Our District Presbytery has met quarterly, spending long hours in the performance of their duties. Thank you for your prayers for our entire personnel of Department Heads, Presbytery and District Officiary.

Friends, I am calling for the full force of the combined abilities, talents and dollars of the members of the Northern California and Nevada District to be thrust with faith and confidence into the battle we are waging against the powers of evil! Thank God for the many victories which we have witnessed during 1962! However, we dare not stop our warfare at this point for in the words of Amy Carmichael, "We

have all eternity to celebrate the victories but only a few hours before sunset to win them."

It was during the days of combat in World War II—I was being returned to the States with several hundred other hospital patients, all of us had been injured in combat in the battles of the South Pacific. Our ship was plowing slowly through enemy waters and was being stalked by enemy subs who were waiting an opportunity to send a deadly torpedo racing through the waters toward the ship as it zig-zagged across the Pacific Ocean without escort. Day after day and night after night all who were able had to dash to the deck to stand by the rails with life preservers on each time the alert alarm sounded. As we drew closer and closer to the American shores, however, the horrors of combat began to seem a little unreal and rather far removed in our thinking. Our diet had been strictly curtailed due to a faulty refrigeration system which necessitated the dumping of hundreds of pounds of meat and food. It seemed we were hardly aware of the inadequate diet of two meals per day consisting of one slice of bread, dehydrated eggs and dehydrated potatoes.

All of the inconveniences, the physical suffering of the wounded and the constant danger of enemy attack were becoming as unreal as fairy tales to the men aboard that ship. WHY? Because we had only one thought, one hope, one cheering fact which was shining into our minds . . . WE WERE GOING HOME! HOME! What a precious word! Home where our loved ones were waiting! Home where we would hear no more the sounds and witness the horrors of death and hell of the battle field!

Picture with me for a moment this group of injured, sick, battle-weary G.I.'s as that old Army transport neared the shores of California on the last night of that long journey homeward. Those who were physically able got as many blankets as possible and wrapped themselves well against the cold and found a spot on the deck to wait and watch. The air was crisp and clear and the moon was round and full. Silently and eagerly, we strained our eyes in the direction of home anticipating the first beam of light. Suddenly someone shouted hysterically "THERE IT IS. THERE IS A LIGHT FROM HOME!" Instantly every eye was fixed in the direction indicated and we waited breathlessly and there it was again . . . straight ahead we saw the beam of a spot light as it swept across the sky again and again from the lighthouse on the Farralone Islands a few miles out from the shore.

After a few moments of excited conversation, we once again found ourselves tense and silent in our vigil to spy the first lights from our beloved City of San Francisco. Then we saw what looked like the glory of Heaven spilling out into the vista on the far horizon, the reflection of the lights of HOME. Songs burst forth from the overflowing joy which flooded over every sol-

It was Christmas Eve and the deck of that old Army transport suddenly became a great choir loft as the voices of hundreds of sick and injured, war-weary soldiers were lifted in the harmony of "JOY TO THE WORLD, the Lord is Come!" and "O COME LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!"

It was exactly 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve as we looked up from the deck of the ship and saw the beautiful Golden Gate bridge passing over our heads . . . the anti-submarine gate was opened and we sailed safely into the harbor. The folks at home had not forgotten us for there on the side of the hill of Angel Island in hugh white letters, brilliantly illuminated were the

words, "WELCOME HOME! WELL DONE!"

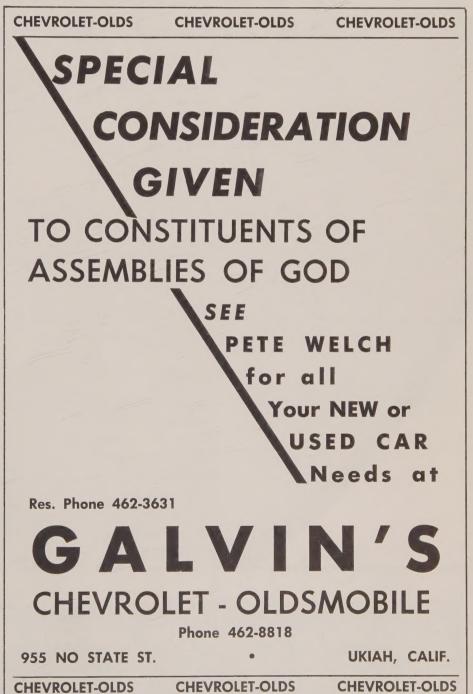
My brothers and sisters, WE ARE ON OUR WAY HOME! THE BATTLE IS ALMOST OVER! THE BATTLE SCARS AND SUFFERING ARE ONLY TEMPORARY! Methinks the Lights of Home will soon be visible! The banners of HEAVEN are even now being placed on the hillsides of Glory, "WELCOME HOME . . . WELL DONE!"

"It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus.

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